

Two convicted in courts martial

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Two RAF Lakenheath airmen faced court-martials during January and February.

January 28, AB Lawrence Hanlon II, 48th Component Repair Squadron, pled guilty in a general court-martial to charges of fraudulent enlistment, possession, use, production and distribution of marijuana, introduction of marijuana onto an armed forces installation, larceny, sodomy, five specifications of assault, indecent acts and communicating a threat. In accordance with a pretrial agreement, Hanlon was sentenced to seven years confinement and a dishonorable discharge.

During sentencing arguments before military judge Col. James Young, the prosecution team of Capt. Jeanne Meyer, legal office and Capt. T.J. McGrath, circuit trial counsel, described Hanlon's behavior as "a chilling tale of escalating abuse," towards his wife, the victim of most of the non-drug-related charges.

The defense team of Capt. Joel Gonzalez, area defense counsel and Capt. David Castro, circuit defense counsel, offered "no excuses for his misconduct," but asked for mercy due to several other circumstances in Hanlon's life. Hanlon read an unsworn state-

ment apologizing for his conduct and wishing his wife and son the best.

During a one-day special court-martial Feb. 7, a three-member panel convicted Amn. Mark Cline, 48th Communications Squadron, of charges of making and uttering checks without sufficient funds to Keesler Federal Credit Union, Nations Bank, the Army and Air Force Exchange Service and another airman. The panel found Cline not guilty of a charge of larceny and not guilty of making and uttering worthless checks to AAFES.

Cline was sentenced to reduction to E-1, forfeiture of \$600 pay per month for four months and confinement for four months.

Trial counsel for the case was Capt. Edwin Daniel Jr., deputy staff judge advocate, assisted by paralegal SSgt. Terele Kincade.

Capt. Edward Damico, area defense counsel, countered that Cline was a young airman, separated from his family, who had financial problems, which were compounded when accounting and finance took several months to correct a problem with his pay.

Cline, in an unsworn statement, told the panel members that he knew at the time he wrote the checks to AAFES and Keesler that there was no money in his account, but that he thought with payday coming, the funds would be there before the checks were cashed.

March is Women's History Month



Amelia Bloomer

Amelia Bloomer began publishing the "Lily," a woman's newspaper that was probably the first to be edited entirely by a woman, in 1849. The "Lily" concerned itself primarily with temperance, suffrage and women's rights, including dress reform. Bloomer became a defender of the "Turkish trouser" costume, full-cut pantaloons worn under a short skirt, and her name was forever linked to the garment.

Women's History Month activities

❑ There is a brown-bag luncheon from noon - 1 p.m. Thursday in the RAF Mildenhall Family Support Center. The topic is women in the workplace.

❑ A women's self-defense class is from 10 a.m. - noon March 22 in the Bob Hope Community Activity Center. To sign up, call SSgt. Damon Bridges at (01638) 542461.

❑ The community activities center sponsors a women's history quiz March 24 - 28. Entry is free and open to everyone. For details, call Ext. 2221.

❑ There is a Women's History Month luncheon from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. March 27 in the officers' club. Tickets are available through squadron first sergeants until March 21. For tickets after that date or for more information, call Capt. Lorraine McKay at Ext. 6389 or SSgt. Jennifer Johnson at Ext. 2235.



Photo by Capt. Patrick Ryder

Sing it loud!

MSgt. Terry Taylor, USAFE Galaxy Band, sings to members of the Brandon Tuesday Club at the Brandon Community Center Tuesday. Galaxy also entertained school children at RAFs Lakenheath and Feltwell this week during their United Kingdom tour.